

# Astelia fragrans

## COMMON NAMES

bush flax, bush lily, kakaha

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## DETAILED TAXONOMY

### FAMILY

Asteliaceae

### AUTHORITY

*Astelia fragrans* Colenso

### SYNONYMS

*Astelia nervosa* var. *sylvestris* Cockayne et Allan

### ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

### ENDEMIC GENUS

No

### ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ECOLOGY

### LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Fleshy berries are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

### WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

## OTHER INFORMATION

### ETYMOLOGY

**astelia**: Stemless

**fragrans**: Fragrant

### NVS CODE

ASTFRA

### CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 70



Tararua range. January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2024 | Regionally Not Threatened

## REFERENCING AND CITATIONS

### REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309

### MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/astelia-fragrans/>

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